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For: CELL CALCIFICATION SUPPRESSING PROTEINS, AND GENES OF THE  
PROTEINS

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Copies of the listed documents are attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

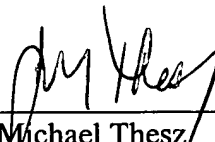
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